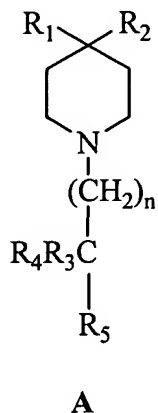


In the claims:

1. **(previously presented)** A compound represented by **A**:



wherein

R represents H, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R<sub>1</sub> represents optionally substituted six-membered aromatic ring containing no heteroatoms;

R<sub>2</sub> represents RO-CH<sub>2</sub>, RS-alkyl, or RS-cycloalkyl;

R<sub>3</sub> represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R<sub>4</sub> represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

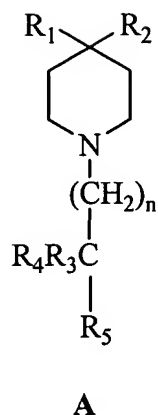
R<sub>5</sub> represents substituted phenyl group, wherein each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl and alkoxyl;

n is 0, or 1; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by **A** is *R*, *S*, or a mixture of these configurations.

Claims 2-91 **(canceled)**

92. **(currently amended)** A compound represented by **A**:



wherein

R represents H, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R<sub>1</sub> represents optionally substituted phenyl;

R<sub>2</sub> represents [[RO-CH<sub>2</sub>]] R<sub>6</sub>O-alkyl, RS-alkyl, or RS-cycloalkyl;

R<sub>3</sub> represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R<sub>4</sub> represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R<sub>5</sub> represents an optionally substituted phenyl ~~carbocyclic aryl~~ group, wherein each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl and alkoxy;

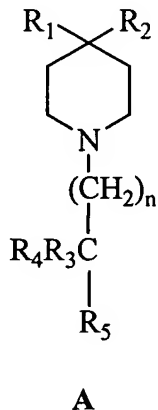
R<sub>6</sub> represents alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

n is 0, or 1; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by **A** is *R*, *S*, or a mixture of these configurations.

93. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>2</sub> represents RO-CH<sub>2</sub>; and R is H.
94. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 92, wherein R<sub>2</sub> represents R<sub>6</sub>O-alkyl; and R<sub>6</sub> is acyl RO-CH<sub>2</sub>; and R is H.
95. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R<sub>5</sub> represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.

96. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 92, wherein  $R_5$  represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.
97. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 1, wherein  $R_2$  represents  $RO-CH_2$ ;  $R$  is  $H$ ; and  $R_5$  represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.
98. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 92, wherein  $R_2$  represents  $R_6O$ -alkyl; and  $R_6$  is acyl  $RO-CH_2$ ;  $R$  is  $H$ ; and  $R_5$  represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.
99. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 1, wherein  $R_2$  represents  $RO-CH_2$ ;  $R$  is  $H$ ; and  $R_5$  represents 3-fluorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl or 4-methoxyphenyl.
100. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 92, wherein  $R_2$  represents  $R_6O$ -alkyl;  $R_6$  is acyl  $RO-CH_2$ ;  $R$  is  $H$ ; and  $R_5$  represents 3-fluorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl or 4-methoxyphenyl.
101. **(new)** A compound represented by A:



wherein

$R$  represents  $H$ , alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

$R_1$  represents optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl;

$R_2$  represents  $RO$ -alkyl,  $(R)_2N$ -alkyl,  $RS$ -alkyl,  $RO$ -cycloalkyl,  $(R)_2N$ -cycloalkyl, or  $RS$ -cycloalkyl;

$R_3$  represents  $H$ , alkyl,  $-OR$ , or  $F$ ;

R<sub>4</sub> represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R<sub>5</sub> represents an optionally substituted thiophene group;

n is 0, 1, or 2; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by **A** is *R*, *S*, or a mixture of these configurations.

- 102. **(new)** The compound of claim 101, wherein R<sub>1</sub> is optionally substituted phenyl.
- 103. **(new)** The compound of claim 101, wherein R<sub>2</sub> is RO-alkyl.
- 104. **(new)** The compound of claim 101, wherein n is 0.
- 105. **(new)** The compound of claim 101, wherein R<sub>2</sub> is HO-alkyl, and n is 0.
- 106. **(new)** The compound of claim 101, wherein n is 1; and R<sub>3</sub> is H, alkyl, or F.
- 107. **(new)** The compound of claim 101, wherein n is 1; and R<sub>4</sub> is H, alkyl, or F.
- 108. **(new)** The compound of claim 101, wherein R<sub>1</sub> is phenyl, R<sub>2</sub> is HO-alkyl, and n is 0.